

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 17, 2006. Claims 23 to 44 are in the application, of which Claims 23, 24, 27, 36 and 41 to 44 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 23 to 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Amendments to the claims are believed to obviate the rejections. Moreover, the features of the claims are fully supported by the originally filed specification. (see, e.g., page 11, line 5 to page 14, line 2). Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Claim 44 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,421,544 (Sawanda). The rejection is respectfully traversed, since (1) the rejection does not address the claim language of Claim 44 as amended in the Amendment After Final Rejection dated May 16, 2006, and (2) the applied reference does not disclose or suggest the features of Claim 44.

Independent Claim 44 defines a control method for a wireless communication terminal having a first communication device adapted to communicate with an entrance/exit management apparatus for regulating an entrance/exit of a person by a first wireless communication method and a second communication device adapted to communicate by a second wireless communication method. The method comprises a reception step of receiving an instruction for restricting communication of the second communication device from the entrance/exit management apparatus via the first communication device so that the entrance/exit management apparatus regulates an

entrance/exit of the person, in the case where the wireless communication terminal and the entrance/exit management apparatus communicate by the first communication method. The method also comprises a restriction step of restricting communication of the second communication device in accordance with the instruction received at the reception step.

First, the rejection does not address the claim language of Claim 44 as amended in the Amendment After Final Rejection dated May 16, 2006. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that Sawanda discloses “a second communication device adapted to restrict communication by a second wireless communication method.” (Office Action, page 3). However, this language does not appear in Claim 44. The Office Action also refers to “claimed ‘second control means’”, “claimed ‘making a communication restriction of said second communication means in accordance with the indication signal received from said first communication means’ and “claimed ‘for transmitting information of the communication restriction as the response.’” (Office Action, page 4), which do not appear in Claim 44.

Second, the applied reference is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of independent Claim 44, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of receiving an instruction for restricting communication of a second communication device from an entrance/exit management apparatus via a first communication device so that the entrance/exit management apparatus regulates an entrance/exit of a person.

While Sawanda may disclose that a doorway base station 5 sends a control signal, and a PHS terminal 1 receives the signal and changes operational mode and performs communication control (column 9, lines 47 to 50 of Sawada), Sawada does not

disclose or suggest regulation of entrance/exit of a person, much less disclose or suggest receiving an instruction for restricting communication of a second communication device from an entrance/exit management apparatus via a first communication device so that the entrance/exit management apparatus regulates an entrance/exit of a person. Accordingly, independent Claim 44 is believed to be allowable.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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